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Applicants: David L. Rimm et al

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Examiner:

For: "Method for the Detection, Identification, Enumeration and Confirmation of Circulating Cancer and/or Hematologic Progenitor Cells in Whole Blood "

INFORMATION STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is an information statement for use in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the specified references of record in this case. The references are U.S. Patents Nos. 5,086,784; 5,198,927; 5,251,474; 5,252,460; 5,342,790; 5,349,468; 5,393,674; 5,403,714; 5,460,979; 5,496,704; 5,593,848; 5,635,362; and 5,707,876.

Copies of the aforesaid references are enclosed along with a Form PTO-1449.

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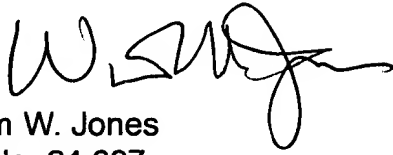
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